

on the advancement of LB 653. Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Senator Haberman requests the Chair to announce that he has a guest with him from Imperial, Mr. Paul Orvis who is a teacher in Social Studies at the Chase County High School. We welcome you to the Legislature. Stand and be recognized. (Applause.) Legislative Bill 768.

CLERK: Mr. President, right before that Senator Newell would like to have a meeting of the Urban Affairs Committee underneath the south, north balcony immediately. Urban Affairs, north balcony, now, please. Mr. President, 768 offered by Senator Wesely. (Read title.) The bill was read on January 4, referred to the Education Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President, members, LB 768 again a simple bill. It was brought to me back about a year ago when an individual in northeast Lincoln, a young man who was a senior at Northeast High School, his family, his father had lost his job at American Stores, had gone without work for several months, had finally found work in Oklahoma and then the fall of last year moved to Oklahoma. Now this young man had started his senior year at Northeast, had gone all through school with his friends and was about to finish his senior year when his family was forced to move. His grandmother lived in the district and he then moved in with her and attempted to finish out his senior year. His plans were then to go on to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Unfortunately, the School Board was aware of the situation and under the present statute had no alternative but to charge tuition to this individual. Now tuition for one year at a Lincoln public school is over \$3,000. Here's a family, they'd lost their job, they'd had to move out of the State, go to Oklahoma, and their boy was trying to finish his one last year in high school and was faced with that kind of a cost. Eventually, we were unable to resolve the situation